NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

Debt Management Policy

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of Policy

This Debt Management Policy is intended to serve as a management tool to enable the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") to identify circumstances and transactions under which the Authority can issue and manage its bonds, notes and other obligations in the most efficient manner and provide for the full and timely repayment thereof. This policy is also intended to serve as guidance for management of the Authority with respect to:

- (i) the issuance and incurrence of Authority debt in appropriate amounts and types with the goals of achieving the lowest possible costs of capital within prudent risk parameters and ensuring ongoing access to the capital markets;
- (ii) compliance by the Authority with all provisions of the Act (as hereinafter defined) relating to bonds, notes or other obligations of the Authority, as well as all provisions of the Authority's Bond Resolution (as hereinafter defined);
- (iii) preservation of financial flexibility to maintain appropriate resources and funding capacity for present and future capital needs;
- (iv) management of interest rate risk exposure to promote the appropriate diversification within the debt portfolio to balance risk and liquidity and promote and maintain an acceptable balance between interest rate risk and the long-term cost of capital; and
- (v) securing of highly qualified professional services firms to assist with debt issuance in an open and competitive process.

B. *The Authority*

The Authority is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey created under and by virtue of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Act of 1948, constituting Chapter 454 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1948, as amended and supplemented (the "Act").

C. Review

This Policy will be reviewed by the Authority no less than once every (2) two years and any changes to this Policy will be presented to and approved by the Authority's Board of Commissioners. This Policy will also be made available on the Authority's website (http://www.state.nj.us/turnpike).

D. Best Interests of the Authority

Although adherence to this policy is desirable, deviations from the policy may be appropriate at times to address: (i) changing financial goals; (ii) emerging financial products/debt structures; and/or (iii) unique market opportunities. Consequently, the general best interests of the Authority shall supersede any provision of the policy.

II. TURNPIKE REVENUE BONDS

A. Legal Authority

Pursuant to the Act, the Authority is authorized and empowered to issue and incur its bonds, notes and other obligations for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in the Act. All currently issued and outstanding bonds of the Authority, and all future bonds, notes or other obligations of the Authority, have been or will be issued and incurred under and pursuant to, and/or in accordance with, the terms and provisions of the Act and a resolution of the Authority adopted on August 20, 1991 and entitled, "Turnpike Revenue Bond Resolution", as amended and restated on September 26, 1991, and as further amended and restated on November 22, 1991, as the same has been and will be further amended, restated and supplemented from time to time (the "Bond Resolution") (Capitalized terms used herein which are not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given to such terms in the Bond Resolution).

B. Approvals of Governor and State Treasurer

Pursuant to Section 3(F) of the Act (N.J.S.A. 27:23-3(F)), no resolution or other action of the Authority providing for the issuance of bonds, refunding bonds or other obligations or the fixing, revising or adjusting of tolls for the use of the Turnpike System shall be adopted or otherwise made effective by the Authority without the prior written approval of the Governor and the State Treasurer. Section 3(F) of the Act further provides that the powers conferred upon the Governor and the State Treasurer pursuant to such Section shall be exercised with due regard of the rights of the holders of the Authority's bonds at any time outstanding and nothing in such Section shall in any way limit, restrict or alter the obligation or powers of the Authority to carry out and perform each and every covenant, agreement or contract at any time made or enter into by or on behalf of the Authority with respect to its bonds or for the benefit, protection and security of the holders thereof.

C. Use of Debt Proceeds

As more fully described in this Policy, bonds, notes and other obligations will be issued by the Authority solely for the purposes of financing its essential capital activities or refunding outstanding debt. Debt will not be issued by the Authority to fund, in whole or in part, operation and maintenance costs of the Turnpike System or capital assets with average useful lives which are shorter than the average maturity of the associated debt. All bonds, notes and other obligations issued by the Authority will comply with the requirements of the Act and the Bond Resolution, as well as all other applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

D. Types of Debt

Under the Bond Resolution, the Authority is authorized to issue Turnpike Revenue Bonds payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues of the Turnpike System on a parity with all Bonds Outstanding under the Bond Resolution from time to time and the reimbursement and payment obligations under certain Credit Facilities and Qualified Swap (as such terms are defined in the Bond Resolution). Specific types of debt that can be issued are as follows:

- (i) <u>Long-Term Debt</u>: Although the Statute and Bond Resolution allow debt to be issued up to forty (40) years, the Authority will limit its maturities to up to thirty (30) years from date of issuance to finance essential capital activities for the Turnpike System, including the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of major capital assets for and/or additions to the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, and any other component of the Turnpike System.
- (ii) Short-Term Debt: Short-term debt with maturities of two (2) years or shorter may be used to provide interim financing for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of capital assets for and/or additions to the Turnpike System and/or to reduce or hedge interest rate costs. Short-term debt obligations may include bond anticipation notes and variable rate bonds or notes, as well as any other appropriate instrument(s).
- (iii) <u>Variable Rate Debt</u>: In addition to fixed rate debt, the Authority may issue bonds/notes with a variable interest rate to: (i) diversify its debt portfolio; (ii) reduce interest costs; (iii) improve its match of assets to liabilities; and/or (iv) provide budgetary relief. Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution and its Interest Rate Swap Management Plan, the Authority may also enter Qualified Swap Agreements and/or Exchange Agreements to hedge its interest rate risk on variable rate debt where appropriate.

E. Purposes

The Authority may issue debt for either new money or refunding purposes.

- (i) New Money: New money debt may be issued by the Authority to provide funding for essential capital activities as described in the Section entitled "Types of Debt" above.
- (ii) <u>Economic Refunding</u>: The Authority may issue refunding debt to achieve debt service savings on its outstanding debt by redeeming outstanding debt with lower interest rate debt. The Authority may structure the savings from these refunding issues on a level, accelerated or deferred basis depending on the Authority's financing goals.

(iii) Non-Economic Refunding: In certain instances, it may be advantageous for the Authority to issue refunding debt that does not produce positive economic savings but serves to restructure existing debt or retire debt in order to remove undesirable debt covenants. Prior to issuing non-economic refunding debt, the Authority will evaluate the benefits (both intangible and tangible) of issuing such debt as well as the economic cost of such debt.

F. Debt Limit

The amount of bonds to be issued is limited by the following in the Bond Resolution:

- (i) Additional Bonds Test New Money Purposes: In accordance with Section 203 of the Bond Resolution, in order for the Authority to issue and sell its bonds for new money purposes, the Authority must, among other things, satisfy the following tests:
 - (a) the Net Revenues of the Authority (Pledged Revenues minus Operating Expenses) for any period of twelve (12) consecutive calendar months out of the twenty-four (24) calendar months next preceding the issuance of such bonds must equal or exceed the Net Revenue Requirement for such twelve (12) month period without regard to the bonds proposed to be issued; and
 - (b) the estimated Net Revenues for the first full five (5) calendar years after the financed asset is estimated to be placed in service must equal or exceed the Net Revenue Requirement for each such year and the estimated Net Revenues in the 5th such calendar year must equal or exceed the future maximum Aggregate Debt Service in any year.

In addition, all other requirements of the Bond Resolution relating to the issuance of bonds for new money purposes must be satisfied.

For purposes of the Bond Resolution, the "Net Revenue Requirement" in any year is the greater of: (i) the sum of the Aggregate Debt Service on all outstanding Authority bonds, the Maintenance Reserve Payments, the Special Project Reserve Payment and all deposits to the Charges Fund in such year; or (ii) 1.20 times the Aggregate Debt Service on all outstanding Authority bonds in such year.

(ii) Additional Bonds Test - Refunding: In accordance with Section 204 of the Bond Resolution, in order for the Authority to issue and sell its bonds for refunding purposes, the Authority must, among other things, either (i) demonstrate that the Aggregate Debt Service on all outstanding Authority bonds is not increased in the then current or any future calendar year as a result of the issuance of such refunding bonds, or (ii) satisfy both of the tests described in clauses (a) and (b) of the preceding subsection of this policy entitled "Additional Bonds Test – New Money Purposes".

G. State Non-Impairment Agreement

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 27:23-7), the State of New Jersey has pledged and agreed with the holders of the Authority's bonds that it will not limit or restrict the rights vested in the Authority to acquire, maintain, construct, improve, manage, repair, reconstruct and operate the Turnpike System, or to establish and collect such charges and tolls as may be convenient or necessary to produce sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of maintenance and operation thereof and to fulfill the terms of any agreements made with the holders of the Authority's bonds or in any way impair the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds until the bonds, together with interest thereon, are fully paid and discharged.

III. DEBT STRUCTURING

A. Maximum Term

The Authority will limit its maturities to a maximum of thirty (30) years from date of issuance. The average maturity of the Authority's bonds may not exceed the average remaining useful life of the assets being financed or the limitations set forth in the Act.

B. Bond and Debt Service Structure

Turnpike Revenue Bonds can be structured using discount, par, or premium coupons or any combination, utilizing the coupon structure, which produces the lowest True Interest Cost (TIC), taking into consideration the call option value of any callable maturities. When comparing yields associated with callable premium bonds and callable discount bonds of the same maturity, the yield-to-maturity should be evaluated in addition to the yield-to-call date. The use of capital appreciation bonds or zero-coupon bonds should be used only when necessary to meet minimum Net Revenue Requirement targets or minimum General Reserve Fund target balances as specified in the Authority's Financial Management Principles and Guidelines, or if they produce the lowest TIC compared to other structures. The Authority will structure its new money debt maturities to achieve either an overall level debt service structure for its debt portfolio or a standalone level debt service structure. The determination of debt service structure will consider Net Revenue Requirement targeted levels and minimum General Reserve Fund balance target levels as specified in the Authority's Financial Management Principles and Guidelines, as well as the TIC for various debt service structures to achieve the optimum structure.

C. Maturities

Bonds or notes may be serial bonds or notes, or term bonds or notes, or any combination thereof.

D. Composition of Debt

The aggregate amount of the Authority's long-term variable rate debt should not exceed 20% of its outstanding long-term debt.

E. Credit Enhancement

The Authority may secure credit and/or liquidity enhancement for all or a portion of each debt issuance, which may be in the form of municipal bond insurance, a letter/line of credit or a standby purchase arrangement. The Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer shall make the final recommendation to use bond insurance for a particular debt issuance after taking into account such factors as the economic benefit of the enhancement, the Authority's available insurance capacity with the insurance community, and future secondary market trading conditions. The Authority will not secure credit enhancement through the final maturity date of a particular debt issuance unless it meets the minimum threshold of providing a net economic benefit to the transaction, assuming the debt remains outstanding until its final maturity date. With respect to bond insurance or any other form of credit enhancement which is paid for with an upfront premium, the Authority will analyze the economic benefit both to the final maturity date of the debt and to the first optional redemption date of the debt.

The Authority may also use a letter/line of credit and/or a standby purchase arrangement (collectively, a "Credit/Liquidity Facility") to provide credit and/or liquidity support for its debt. The Authority shall consider the following criteria when selecting the provider of a Credit/Liquidity Facility: (i) the long-term ratings of the provider, which shall be at least equal to or better than the Authority's long-term ratings; (ii) the short-term ratings of the provider, which shall be at least P-1/A-1; (iii) the legal and business terms and conditions of the agreement with the provider, which shall be acceptable to the Authority; (iv) a representative list of clients similar to the Authority for whom the provider has provided credit and/or liquidity support; (v) the costs to the Authority associated with the proposed Credit/Liquidity Facility, including the cost of the Credit/Liquidity Facility itself, the fees associated with any drawings on the Credit/Liquidity Facility, the fees and expenses of counsel to the provider and any other administrative costs associated with the Credit/Liquidity Facility, and (vi) the trading differential cost between the Authority's debt which is supported by the proposed Credit/Liquidity Facility and its unenhanced debt.

F. Capitalized Interest

Capitalized Interest may be used if needed for new money bonds but is limited to two (2) years.

G. **Derivative Agreements**

The Authority shall maintain an Interest Rate Swap Management Plan and the time to time use by the Authority of any Qualified Swap Agreements, Exchange Agreements, and other derivative agreements and instruments in connection with its debt shall comply with the terms of its Interest Rate Swap Management Plan as in effect. The Authority shall consult with its Bond Counsel and Financial/Swap Advisor in the event that the Authority is considering entering into any Qualified Swap Agreement, Exchange Agreement, and other derivative agreement or instrument in connection with any debt.

H. Call Provisions

Long-term fixed rate tax-exempt debt should generally be callable in ten (10 years. This provides flexibility to refund bonds if interest rates decline. An analysis should be performed to determine the economic benefit of utilizing call provisions shorter than ten (10) years.

I. Tax Status

The Authority may issue debt on a taxable or tax-exempt basis. The Authority has a preference for issuing debt on a tax-exempt basis to take advantage of the expected interest costs savings compared to issuing taxable debt.

IV. DEBT ISSUANCE

A. Sale of Bonds

The Authority shall determine the method of sale of its bonds (competitive versus negotiated) by evaluating the benefits that are associated with each method of sale, in addition to examining financial and market conditions. Due to the size and complexity of the Authority's debt issues, bonds are normally sold on a negotiated basis. Underwriters shall be selected through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process and the Authority will encourage the participation of minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises, and will take into consideration an applicant's presence in New Jersey. The RFP process will be in compliance with the Authority's procurement policies and Executive Order 37 (Corzine). The Authority will use the services of a financial advisor and bond counsel, each of which will be selected through an RFP process.

In accordance with Article IX of the Bond Resolution, the Authority shall appoint a Trustee, Paying Agent, and Registrar for the new bond series. All Fiduciaries shall accept all responsibilities as outlined in Article IX of the Bond Resolution.

B. Credit Ratings

The Authority shall have a ratings strategy that is guided by achieving the best economic results for the Authority, including attaining a proper balance between minimizing borrowing costs and maximizing financial flexibility for the Authority's debt program. The Authority shall strive to maintain or improve the credit ratings for its debt without adversely affecting the levels or types of debt that may be issued by the Authority to finance its essential capital activities, including the acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of major capital assets for and/or additions to the Turnpike System. The Authority recognizes and acknowledges, however, that as market conditions and financing needs change and evolve, so should the Authority's credit

ratings strategy. The Authority may accept a lower credit rating or downgrade to its existing ratings (and thus incur a modest financing cost differential) in order to gain the flexibility needed to effect significant policy initiatives. The Authority will periodically review its credit rating strategy to assess whether market or capital plan developments warrant a revision in the Authority's approach to its ratings.

As of January 2014, the Authority is rated A3 by Moody's Investors Services, A+ by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, and A by Fitch Ratings Inc. The Authority will receive ratings from at least two (2) of the four (4) nationally recognized credit rating agencies, which are currently Moody's Investors Services, Standard and Poor's Rating Services, Fitch Ratings Inc., and Kroll Bond Rating Agency. Selection of the ultimate number of ratings and credit rating agency will be based upon overall cost, service to the Authority, any investor requirements and the recommendation of the Authority's financial advisor.

The Authority will strive to communicate regularly and frequently with the credit rating agencies. To the extent possible and/or necessary, the Authority will forward periodic information to the credit rating agencies, arrange regular conference calls to update the rating analysts on any significant financial developments and communicate with the credit rating agencies prior to each Authority debt issuance. The Authority will also maintain periodic communication with its credit enhancement providers, updating them on financial developments as a means of facilitating future market participation with the credit enhancement community.

C. Economic Refunding Criteria

When identifying potential refunding candidates for economic refunding, the Authority will generally seek a minimum per transaction present value savings threshold of three percent (3%). Notwithstanding the above, the 3% savings threshold shall not apply for debt with a call date between one (1) and three (3) years from their stated maturity, or for small principal maturities and bonds that produce significant negative arbitrage. In addition, for an advance refunding, the Authority will consider the refunding efficiency of potential bond refunding, considering the negative arbitrage, if any, on the refunding escrow and will seek a minimum refunding efficiency percentage of at least seventy percent (70%).

V. DEBT MANAGEMENT

A. Investment of Funds

The Authority shall invest all of its funds (including the proceeds received from the sale of its bonds, notes or other obligations), which are not immediately needed for the purposes of the Authority, in Investment Securities as provided in the Bond Resolution. The Authority shall invest all of its funds in a manner that allows such funds to be available when needed to be applied for their intended purposes. Investments are further governed by the terms of the Authority's Investment Policy.

B. Compliance with Bond Resolution

The Bond Resolution, including specifically Article VII thereof, contains several covenants, requirements and other provisions which the Authority has agreed to comply with for the benefit, protection and security of the holders of its outstanding bonds issued from time to time under and pursuant to the Bond Resolution. The Authority shall at all times manage its debt portfolio and operate and manage the Turnpike System in a manner which results in the Authority being in compliance with all covenants, requirements, and other provisions of the Bond Resolution, including, without limitation, the Sections of the Bond Resolution more fully described below.

(i) Tolls and Charges

Pursuant to Section 713 of the Bond Resolution, the Authority has covenanted to, at all times, fix, charge and collect such tolls for the use of the Turnpike System as shall be required in order that in each calendar year the Net Revenues shall at least equal the Net Revenue Requirement for such year. Section 713 of the Bond Resolution furthers provides that, on or before December 1 in each year, the Authority shall complete a review of its financial condition for the purpose of estimating whether the Net Revenues for such year and the next succeeding year will be sufficient to meet the Net Revenue Requirement and shall by resolution of its Board of Commissioners make a determination with respect thereto. The Authority shall file a copy of its determination with the Trustee under the Bond Resolution on or before December 20 of each year. If the Authority determines that the Net Revenues may not be sufficient to meet the Net Revenue Requirement, the Authority shall cause its Traffic Engineers to make a study for the purpose of recommending a new schedule of tolls which will cause the Authority to have sufficient Net Revenues to meet the Net Revenue Requirement, and, as promptly as practicable, but by no later than the following April 1, the Authority shall adopt and place into effect the schedule of tolls recommended by the Traffic Engineers.

(ii) Annual Budget

Section 710 of the Bond Resolution contains certain covenants, agreements and provisions relating to the preparation, filing and adoption of the Authority's annual budget for each calendar year. The Authority shall at all times comply with the provisions of Section 710 in connection with the adoption of each annual budget.

(iii) Sale, Lease or Disposal of Property

Section 708 of the Bond Resolution provides that no part of the Turnpike System shall be sold, mortgaged, leased or otherwise disposed of, except as permitted by such Section. Among other things, Section 708 permits the Authority to sell, lease or exchange any property or facilities constituting part of the Turnpike System and not useful or necessary in the operations thereof, but any proceeds of any such transaction not used to acquire other property necessary or desirable for the safe and efficient operation of the Turnpike System shall be deposited in the

Revenue Fund or the General Reserve Fund as the Authority may determine. The Authority shall at all times comply with the provisions of Section 708 of the Bond Resolution.

(iv) Consulting and Traffic Engineers

As required by Section 709 of the Bond Resolution, the Authority shall employ, at the times and in the manner set forth in Section 709, the services of separate, independently nationally recognized engineering firms or entities to perform the functions and duties of the Consulting Engineers and the Traffic Engineers, respectively, set forth in the Bond Resolution.

(v) Books, Accounts, Records and Reports

As required by Section 717 of the Bond Resolution, the Authority shall keep and maintain proper books of record and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the Turnpike System and all Funds and Accounts established under the Bond Resolution. The Authority shall also prepare, or caused to be prepared, and file with the Trustee, the Consulting Engineers and, if applicable, the holders of any of the Authority's bonds, all financial and statistical reports, including its annual audited financial statements, required by the provisions of Section 717 at the times and in the manner required by the provisions of such Section. The Authority shall prepare and keep its books of record and accounts and its financial statements and reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities in the United States of America. The Authority shall from time to time institute such controls as may be recommended by its independent auditor and other best practices deemed appropriate by its Chief Financial Officer.

(vi) <u>Debt Service Reserve Requirement</u>

In connection with the issuance of any bonds by the Authority, the Bond Resolution also requires that the Debt Reserve Fund created under the Bond Resolution must be funded to the Debt Reserve Requirement, which is the lesser of (i) the greatest amount of interest accruing on all outstanding bonds of the Authority any in calendar year, or (ii) the maximum amount permitted by the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

B. Compliance with Financial Management Principles and Guidelines

The Authority will comply with its Financial Management Principles and Guidelines as they pertain to the issuance, structure and management of debt.

C. Arbitrage and Rebate

The Authority will engage the services of an Arbitrage and Rebate Consultant to provide written reports to assist the Authority in monitoring yield on investments and calculating any rebate that may be due for all tax-exempt bonds. The consultant will provide written reports on the arbitrage liability, if any, on an annual basis. The Authority will file all required forms with the Internal Revenue Service and make any required payments when due.

D. Continuing Disclosure Agreement

In order to enable the underwriters of its bonds to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12, the Authority enters into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement for each bond issue to provide for the timely filing of annual financial information, and material event notifications. Under its existing Continuing Disclosure Agreements, the Authority has agreed to provide, by May 1 of each year, its Audited Financial Statements, Annual Budget, and Financial Summary for the Twelve Months Ended December 31 and its Net Revenue Certification. A Continuing Disclosure Agreement will be executed for each bond issue.

E. Investor Relations

The Authority will maintain current and meaningful financial and other information on its website for the benefit of investors, credit enhancement providers and credit rating agencies. At a minimum, the Authority's investor relations website will contain traffic and revenue statistics, audited financial statements, trustee reports, and financial summaries.

VI. POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

A. Purpose

This Post-Issuance Compliance Policy (the "Policy") sets forth policies of the Authority designed to monitor compliance of tax-advantaged obligations ("Obligations") issued by the Authority with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the "Code") and regulations promulgated thereunder ("Treasury Regulations").

The Policy documents existing practices and describes various procedures and systems designed to identify on a timely basis facts relevant to demonstrating compliance with the requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of Obligations in order that the interest on such Obligations be, or continue to be, or would be but for certain provisions of the Code, excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.

The Authority recognizes that compliance with applicable provisions of law is an ongoing process, necessary during the entire term of the Obligations. Accordingly, analysis of information and implementation of this Policy will require continual monitoring and likely, ongoing consultation with bond counsel. Further policies and procedures may be identified from

time to time by Authority staff in consultation with bond counsel and the arbitrage and rebate consultant.

B. Policy Statement

After Obligations are issued, the compliance process includes a focus on use and investment of proceeds of the Obligations and includes:

- Tracking bond proceeds spending for qualified and nonqualified purposes;
- Maintaining detailed records of expenditures and investments;
- Ensuring that the facilities financed are used in a manner consistent with legal and tax requirements;
- Providing necessary disclosure information regarding financial and operating status;
- Maintaining adequate records.

C. Organizational Responsibility

The Executive Director has overall responsibility for post-issuance compliance for Obligations issued by the Authority and may delegate such responsibilities to a "Compliance Officer," who will have primary responsibility for post-issuance compliance to ensure and monitor post-issuance matters with respect to Obligations. The Executive Director shall be responsible for assuring an adequate succession plan for transferring post-issuance compliance responsibility when changes in staff occur.

In the case of Obligations for which the Authority must review and approve requisitions, the Authority's Finance Department shall review requisitions to assure that proceeds are expended on projects as authorized in the applicable bond documents, that reimbursement of pre-issuance costs are permissible, and to determine when projects are completed and/or placed in service, including for Build America Bonds. The Chief Financial Officer, or designee, shall direct investment of proceeds, review monthly bank statements from trustees or custodians and engage an Arbitrage and Rebate Consultant for each issue of Authority Obligations. The Chief Financial Officer, or designee, shall consult with the Authority's Bond Counsel if questions should arise.

D. Tracking Expenditures and Investment Earnings

The Authority shall maintain detailed records regarding the use and allocation of bond proceeds, including investment earnings, throughout the term of the bonds to ensure compliance with covenants and restrictions set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds. The Authority's Accounting System will maintain copies of approved requisitions and invoices for expenditures, as well as investment earnings records, including bank statements. The Finance Department will maintain copies of bank statements if electronic statements are not available.

The Authority's Compliance Officer will monitor the application and use of bond proceeds on an ongoing basis and inform the Executive Director and bond counsel of events relating to use of bond proceeds which may result in issues which must be analyzed for compliance with Federal tax laws.

E. Records Retention

The Authority will maintain the following documents for the term of each issue of bonds plus at least three (3) years:

- The bond transcript of proceedings;
- All resolutions, including reimbursement resolutions, and minutes pertaining to the projects financed, if not included in the bond transcript;
- All surveys, feasibility or demand studies and any publications, brochures and newspaper articles with respect to the bonds, if not included in the bond transcript;
- All bond yield computations including supporting certificates and investment records, including trustee records, pertaining to the issue price of the bonds, proceeds of the bonds, investment agreements and related bidding documents, credit enhancement and liquidity documents, swap documents, rebate reports and rebate payments;
- All documents pertaining to the expenditure or granting of bond proceeds for the acquisition, construction or renovation of bond financed property including any trustee records, requisitions, reimbursements, draw schedules, draw requests, construction contracts, invoices, bills, land/project related appraisals, payment records, requisition statements, reimbursement records, cancelled checks, a final schedule of property financed by the bonds and final allocations of bond proceeds;
- All formal elections made for the bond financing (e.g., an election to employ an accounting methodology other than specific tracing);
- All records of trade or business use, purchase, lease, sublease or sale of bond financed property including any leasehold improvement contracts and ownership documentations such as joint venture arrangements, limited liability corporation arrangements or partnership arrangements;
- All management contracts and other service agreements, research contracts, and naming rights contracts;
- All accounting audits for bond financed property;
- All information reports filed for the bonds;
- All documentation pertaining to any prior IRS examination of Authority and/or taxexempt bonds; and
- All correspondence related to the above including faxes, emails, and letters.

The Authority, in the Tax Certificate and/or other documents pertaining to the bonds that are finalized in connection with the issuance of the bonds, shall designate an employee responsible for retaining the records listed above. Records may be retained in electronic format.

F. Arbitrage and Rebate

The Authority will engage the services of an Arbitrage and Rebate Consultant to provide written reports to assist the Authority in monitoring yield on investments and calculating any rebate that may be due. The Consultant will work with the Chief Financial Officer to review the yield on investments to determine if there is a possible rebate liability. If the Consultant provides a written report that rebate is due, the Authority will make any required payments to the IRS and any required filings.

G. Credit Enhancement or Other Agreements Relating to Bonds

The Compliance Officer will monitor any extension or alteration of any credit enhancement relating to the Authority's tax-exempt debt or of any changes to other agreements relating to Authority Obligations such as guaranteed investment contracts or derivative products to assure that any changes meet post-issuance compliance requirements. The Compliance Officer will also monitor information relating to the ratings of counterparties to such agreements to assure that provisions of such agreements are fulfilled. The Compliance Officer will report any questions or issues to bond counsel.

H. <u>Disclosures and Filings</u>

The Authority will, according to the bond documents, enter into Continuing Disclosure Agreements with the trustee for the applicable Obligations and to comply with continuing disclosure requirements. In addition, the Authority will provide bond documents, as applicable, and copies of reports sent to credit providers and insurance companies and other parties to transactions, as well as financial information. The Authority's bond counsel will be responsible for completing any necessary material event notice filings.

I. Continuity and Training

The Compliance Officer will receive periodic training regarding the tax and other requirements applicable to Obligations and provide periodic training to staff with responsibilities relating to the procedures set forth above. Such training will cover the purposes and importance of these procedures. Training may be provided by bond counsel and shall include a review of the IRS Code and the IRS's web site established for the use of the tax-exempt bond community located at http://www.irs.gove/taxexemptbond/index.html?navmenu=menu1.

To provide for continuity of compliance with post-issuance debt requirements, the Authority will periodically review this policy but no less frequent that once every two (2) years, to assure that it comports with current law.

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J. Remedial Action

Should the Authority becomes aware of events which may affect the permissible use and investment of bond proceeds the Authority will take steps, with advice from bond counsel, to seek remedial action with respect to such events.